[English]

Assam Accord

2454. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the Assam Accord signed in 1985;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of provisions of the Accord implemented so far alongwith the number of prvisions yet to be implemented; and

(d) the time by which all the provisions of the accord are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) A Statement containing the requisite information is enclosed.

(c) and (d) Action has been taken to implement all the provisions of the Assam Accord. However, certain provisions of the Accord are of ongoing nature e.g. speedy all round economic development of Assam, measures to prevent infiltrators crossing or attempting to cross the international border etc. and therefore, it is not possible to specity time by which all the provisions can be said to be fully implemented.

Statement

The Government of India is fully committed to the implementation of the Assam Accord, 1985. Various measures have been taken in this regard. These include, inter-alia, the following:-

FOREIGNERS ISSUE

1. The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizen Rules, 1956 and Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.
2. Eleven Tribunals under the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, are functioning in Assam for identifying foreigners of 1966-71 stream.
3. Special Requistration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme.
4. Sixteen Tribunals under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 are functioning in Assam.

SAFEGUARDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5. Setting up of Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati is in progress. A sum of Rs. 8.65 crores has already been released.
6. Jyoty Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati is being modernised and expanded.
7. Many important projects have been taken up for economic development of the State. The work on the oil refinery at Numaligarh is in progress. A gas based power project at Kathalguri is under implementation.
8. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur and the other at Silchar, have been set up.
9. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati.

OTHER ISSUES

10. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.
11. 2784 kms. of border roads and 896 kms. of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border have been sanctioned. Out of these, 1729.67 kms. of border roads and 652.43 kms. of fence have been completed till 31.1.1997.
12. Ex-gratia payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.
13. Disciplinary cases against the employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.
14. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates, who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.
15. NSA detenues in connection with the agitation were released.

Extra-Judicial Deaths

2455. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of extra-judicial deaths caused by the police, para-military forces and the army in Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Mizoram, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura during 1996-97;

(b) the number of custodial deaths occurred in the police or army custody during this period;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to curb this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Godowns In Assam

2456. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the location of the Food Corporation of India and the Central Warehousing Corporation Offices and godowns in Assam along with the capacity of each godown;

(b) the construction of godowns made during the last three years in Assam by these organisations and additional storage capacity added to them;

(c) the locations proposed for construction of godowns in Assam and investment proposed therefor during the current year;

(d) the actual requirement of storage godowns in Assam at present and for the next five years; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the same?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The location of offices and godowns of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation in Assam along with their capacity are given in Statement-I, II and III respectively.

(b) to (e) During the last three years, FCI have not constructed any godown in Assam. CWC is, however, planning to set up warehouses at Jhalukbari, Nagaon and Karimgunj depending upon the availability of land in near future.

As on 1.1.1997, against the FCI's storage capacity of 2.85 lakh tonnes, only 49% is being utilised. Hence, the FCI consider that there is no reguirement of additional capacity in Assam keeping in view the existing storage capacity and PDS allocations, etc.

As on 1.12.1996, against the storage capacity of 0.45 lakh tonnes of CWC, only 69% is being utilised.

Statement-I

Statement showing the Zonal Office/Regional Office/ District Offices in Assam Region of Food Corporation of India

Zonal Office (NEF)

1. Food Corporation of India,
   Zonal Office (NEF),
   G.L. Publicaiton Building,
   4th Floor, G.S. Road, Ulubari,
   Guwahati-7.

Regional Office (NEF)

2. Food Corporation of India,
   Regional Office (NEF),
   G.S. Road, Ulubari,
   Guwahati-7.

District Offices

1. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   Guwahati (Assam)
2. Food Corporation of India,
   District Offices,
   Jorhat (Assam)
3. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   Kokrajhar (Distt. Goalpara) (Assam)
4. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   North Lakhimpur (Assam)
5. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   Silchar (Assam)
6. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   Nowgaon (Assam)
7. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   Tejpur (Assam)
8. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   New Bongaigaon (Assam)
9. Food Corporation of India,
   District Office,
   Dibrugarh (Assam)
10. Food Corporation of India,
    District Office,
    Bunderdeva (Assam)

Statement-II

Statement Showing Centre-Wise/Location-Wise Storage Capacity (Covered and Cap) Available with FCI in Assam State as on 1.1.1997

Name of the Revenue District	Name of the Centre.	Storage Capacity		
		Owned	Hired	Total
1	2	3	4	5
Kamrup	Guwahati	27.96	14.18	42.14
Nalbari	Nalbari	-	2.77	2.77
	Tihu	9.14	-	9.14
Golaghat	Deragaon	-	2.50	2.50
	Golaghat	-	2.50	2.50
Jorhat	Cinnamare	13.84	-	13.84
Sibsagar	Sibsagar	-	3.47	3.47
Kokrajhar	Fakiragarh	-	1.89	1.89
	Gossigaon	6.92	-	6.92
	Kokrajhar	-	5.68	5.68
Dhuri	Gauripur	-	3.90	3.90
North Lakhimpur	Dhemaji	5.64	-	5.64
	Narainpur	15.00	-	15.00
	North Lakhimpur	8.98	-	8.98
Karbianlong	Diphu	5.00	-	5.00
	Itachalli	-	5.00	5.00
	Hojai	14.56	-	14.56
	Sanchowa	6.92	-	6.92
	Haibargaon	-	7.60	7.60
	Hailakandi	-	1.00	1.00
	Ramnagar	15.00	-	15.00

1	2	3	4	5
Karimganj	Badarpurghat	5.00	-	5.00
Notrh Cachar	Haflong	-	1.87	1.87
Gowalpara	Bongaigaon	-	5.40	5.40
	Gowalpara	-	1.50	1.50
	Jogigoppa	5.00	-	5.00
	Barpeta Road	-	5.00	5.00
Dibrugarh	Dibrugarh	11.28	-	11.28
	Beria	-	3.34	3.34
	Dikom	-	5.00	5.00
	Goshala	-	5.00	5.00
	Laipuli	-	10.00	10.00
	Manoutta	-	5.00	5.00
	Tinsukia	9.42	-	9.42
Darang	Tangla	15.00	-	15.00
Sonitpur	Bindukuri	12.50	-	12.50
Tezpur	Bhalukpong	5.00	-	5.00
Total of Assam		192.16	92.60	284.76

Statement-III

Centre-Wise Capacity Available in the State of Assam as on 01.01.97.

(Fig. in MTs.)

S.No.	Name of Central Warehouse Cum Office	Capacity		
		Constd.	Hired	Total
1.	Guwahati-Maligaon	8600	-	8600
2.	Dhubri	10100	-	10100
3.	Jorhat-I	10500	-	10500
4.	Jorhat-II	5000	-	5000
5.	Sorbhog	10000	-	10000
6.	Sipajhar	-	627	627
	Total	44200	627	44827

N.B. : Besides, there is *one* Regional Office and *one* Construction Cell Office located at Guwahati.

[Translation]

Smuggling of Animals Skin From Betala National Park

2457. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tigers, leopards and deers in Betala National Park, Bihar;

(b) whether their number has been continuously decreasing in the recent years;

(c) if so, whether smuggling of skins of these animals is one of the main reasons for the constant decline in the number of these wild animals;

(d) whether valuables were stolen from the said park and smugglers were arrested during the last few years;

(e) if so, whether any action has been taken in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government of Bihar, the number of tigers, leopards and deers in 1993 and 1996 is as under :

	1993	1996
Tigers	44	41
Leopards	60	60
Deer	15232	13014

Obviously, there is a decline in the number of tigers and deer in 1996 as compared to their numbers in 1993.

(c) Though smuggling of skins could be one reason for the decline in the population of these animals, the major reason, however, is the degradation of buffer area due to ever-increasing pressure on eco-conservation.

(d) to (f) Four elephant tusks and one leopard skin were looted by the criminals on 28th July, 1995 from the Nature Interpretation Centre, which, later were recovered later, on 14th September, 1995. Further as reported by the State Government, ninety persons had been prosecuted for poaching/trade in wildlife during the last five years.

Security has been beefed up, patrolling is conducted and valuables on display have been covered by insurance

(g) Does not arise.

[English]

Nuclear Power Station

2458. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether installation of 1000 MW nuclear power station at Nagarjun Sagar under the central sector is pending with the Ministry for clearance for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether any clarification was sought from the Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the information has since been received; and